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July 16, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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Dear Supervisors:

# **ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

19 July 16, 2013

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 3934 AUTHORIZING HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES  
FUNDING FOR MODIFICATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE  
INTERSECTION OF GRAND AVENUE AND ROWLAND AVENUE IN THE  
CITY OF COVINA AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AREA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(4 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to adopt Resolution 3934 to authorize Highways-Through-Cities funding in the amount of \$131,000 to the City of Covina and approve the project to modify the traffic signal on Grand Avenue at Rowland Avenue to install protective/permissive left-turn phasing for the eastbound and westbound traffic lanes.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the project to modify a traffic signal at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Rowland Avenue is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt Resolution 3934 finding that installation of left-turn phasing at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Rowland Avenue located within the City of Covina and unincorporated County of Los Angeles area is of general County interest, and that County aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities funds in the amount of \$131,000 shall be provided to the City of Covina to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from Proposition C local sales tax.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve a County contribution of \$131,000 in Highways-Through-Cities funds to finance the traffic signal modifications on Grand Avenue and Rowland Avenue in the City of Covina.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The residents of the City and the unincorporated area who travel on the roadways of this City will benefit by this enhancement to the City's traffic signal operation.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$150,000 to \$180,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$280,000, with the County's jurisdictional share being \$130,000 and the City's share being \$150,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the cost of plans, specifications, consultant services, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change in work contingency, and other County services.

The project cost will be financed with \$178,000 in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Traffic Signal Forum; \$64,000 in Proposition C Local Return match funds; \$19,000 from the City under Service Request Number 27436; and \$19,000 from the Fifth Supervisorial District Road Fund Budget. On an annual basis, the Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$64,000 will be funded from this top-of-pot allocation. The \$131,000 in Highways-Through-Cities funds consists of Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds. Financing for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget and the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Road Fund Budget.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The California Streets and Highways Code Sections 1680-1683 provide that the Board of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefore.

On October 30, 2012, Agenda Item 43, the Board awarded and authorized the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contract for Project RDC0015803 As Needed Traffic Signal Construction Project 2012-13 to install and modify traffic signals on an as-needed basis in the County to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to perform the work. On December 4, 2012, eight bids were opened, and the contractor with the lowest responsive bid was from California Professional Engineering, Inc., doing business as California Professional Electrical Engineering in the amount of \$2,576,895. This project will be constructed as part of this contract.

The enclosed Resolution 3934 has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines and Class 1(x), Subsection 4 and 14, of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for modification of existing traffic signal systems and reconstruction of existing roadway pavement, curbs, gutters, sidewalk, driveway aprons, and drainage structures in place, including the removal and replacement of trees that are damaging the roadway.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow thereby benefitting the community.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and a copy of the signed resolution to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel (Warren Wellen)  
Executive Office

**RESOLUTION 3934 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA, TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE  
CITY OF COVINA FOR THE MODIFICATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE  
INTERSECTION OF GRAND AVENUE AND ROWLAND AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF COVINA, hereinafter referred to as CITY, and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to install protective/permissive left-turn phasing on the eastbound and westbound traffic lanes at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Rowland Avenue, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to design and construct PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is located within the jurisdictional limits of CITY and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITY and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be Two Hundred Eighty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$280,000), and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT will be financed with One Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$178,000) in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Traffic Signal Forum, Sixty-four Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$64,000) in Proposition C Local Return match funds, Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$19,000) from the City of Covina under Service Request Number 27436, and Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$19,000) from the Fifth Supervisorial District Road Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) top-of-pot allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY'S Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sixty-four Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$64,000) will be funded from this top-of-pot allocation; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for the modifications of traffic signals within CITY pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding P000F1321 between COUNTY and LACMTA; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and COUNTY aid shall be extended therefor.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to extend aid to CITY in the amount of One Hundred Thirty-one Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$131,000) for PROJECT from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C Local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from LACMTA pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding P000F1321 between COUNTY and LACMTA.

SECTION 4. If any provisions of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy